

¹Then Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?²And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshingfloor.³Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking.⁴And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.⁵And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do.⁶And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her.⁷And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.⁸And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.⁹And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman.¹⁰And he said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.¹¹And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.¹²And now it is

¹وَقَالَتْ لَهَا نُعْمِي حَمَاتُهَا، يَا ابْنَتِي أَلَا أَلْتَمِسُ لَكَ رَاحَةً لِيَكُونَ لَكَ خَيْرٌ.²قَالَانَ أَلَيْسَ بُوعَزٌ دَا قَرَابَةِ لَنَا، الَّذِي كُنْتَ مَعَ قَتْبَانِهِ. هَا هُوَ يُدْرِي بِيَدْرِ الشَّعِيرِ اللَّيْلَةِ.³فَاغْتَسِلِي وَدَهْنِي وَالتَّبْسِي نِيَابِكَ وَانْزِلِي إِلَى الْبَيْدَرِ، وَلَكِنْ لَا تُعْرِفِي عِنْدَ الرَّجُلِ حَتَّى يَفْرَغَ مِنَ الْأَكْلِ وَالشُّرْبِ.⁴وَمَتَى اضْطَجَعَ فَأَعْلَمِي الْمَكَانَ الَّذِي يَضْطَجِعُ فِيهِ وَادْخُلِي وَاكْشِفِي تَاجِيَةَ رِجْلَيْهِ وَاضْطَجِعِي، وَهُوَ يُخْبِرُكَ بِمَا تَعْمَلِينَ.⁵فَقَالَتْ لَهَا، كُلِّ مَا قُلْتَ أَصْنَعُ.⁶فَنَزَلَتْ إِلَى الْبَيْدَرِ وَعَمِلَتْ حَسَبَ كُلِّ مَا أَمَرُهَا بِهِ حَمَاتُهَا.⁷فَأَكَلَ بُوعَزٌ وَشَرِبَ وَطَابَ قَلْبُهُ وَدَخَلَ لِيَضْطَجَعَ فِي طَرْفِ الْعَرَمَةِ. فَدَخَلَتْ سِرّاً وَكَشَفَتْ تَاجِيَةَ رِجْلَيْهِ وَاضْطَجَعَتْ.⁸وَكَانَ عِنْدَ انْتِصَافِ اللَّيْلِ أَنَّ الرَّجُلَ اضْطَرَبَ، وَالتَفَتَ وَإِذَا بِأَمْرَأَةٍ مُضْطَجِعَةٍ عِنْدَ رِجْلَيْهِ.⁹فَقَالَ، مَنْ أَنْتِ. فَقَالَتْ، أَنَا رَاغُوْتُ أَمْتُكَ. فَأَبْسَطَ دَلِيلَ ثَوْبِكَ عَلَى أَمْتِكَ لِأَنَّكَ وَلِيٌّ.¹⁰فَقَالَ، إِنَّكَ مُبَارَكَةٌ مِنَ الرَّبِّ يَا ابْنَتِي لِأَنَّكَ قَدْ أَحْسَنْتِ مَعْرُوفَكَ فِي الْأَجِيرِ أَكْثَرَ مِنَ الْأَوَّلِ، إِذْ لَمْ تَسْعَيْ وَرَاءَ الشُّبَّانِ، فَقَرَاءَ كَانُوا أَوْ أَغْنِيَاءَ.¹¹وَالآنَ يَا ابْنَتِي لَا تَخَافِي. كُلِّ مَا تَقُولِينَ أَفْعَلُ لَكَ، لِأَنَّ جَمِيعَ أَبْوَابِ شَعْبِي تَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ أَمْرَأَةٌ قَاصِلَةٌ.¹²وَالآنَ صَحِيحٌ أَنِّي وَلِيٌّ، وَلَكِنْ يُوجَدُ وَلِيٌّ أَقْرَبُ مِنِّي.¹³بَيْتِي اللَّيْلَةُ، وَبَكُونُ فِي الصَّبَاحِ أَهْهُ إِنْ قَصَى لَكَ حَقَّ الْوَلِيِّ فَحَسَبًا. لِيَقْضَ. وَإِنْ لَمْ يَسَأْ أَنْ يَقْضِيَ لَكَ حَقَّ الْوَلِيِّ، فَأَنَا أَقْضِي لَكَ. حَبِّي هُوَ الرَّبُّ. اضْطَجِعِي إِلَى الصَّبَاحِ. فَاضْطَجَعَتْ عِنْدَ رِجْلَيْهِ إِلَى الصَّبَاحِ. ثُمَّ قَامَتْ قَبْلَ أَنْ يَقْدِرَ الْوَاحِدُ عَلَى مَعْرِفَةِ صَاحِبِهِ. وَقَالَ، لَا يُعْلَمُ أَنَّ الْمَرْأَةَ جَاءَتْ إِلَى الْبَيْدَرِ.¹⁵ثُمَّ قَالَ، هَاتِنِي الرَّدَاءَ الَّذِي عَلَيْكَ وَأَمْسِكِيهِ. فَأَمْسَكَتُهُ، فَكَتَلَتْ سِنَّةً مِنَ الشَّعِيرِ وَوَضَعَهَا عَلَيْهَا. ثُمَّ دَخَلَ الْمَدِينَةَ. فَجَاءَتْ إِلَى حَمَاتِهَا فَقَالَتْ، مَنْ أَنْتِ يَا ابْنَتِي. فَأَخْبَرَتْهَا بِكُلِّ مَا فَعَلَ لَهَا الرَّجُلُ.¹⁷وَقَالَتْ، هَذِهِ السَّنتَةُ مِنَ الشَّعِيرِ أُعْطَانِي، لِأَنَّهُ قَالَ، لَا تَجِئْنِي قَارِعَةً إِلَى حَمَاتِكَ.¹⁸فَقَالَتْ، اجْلِسِي يَا ابْنَتِي حَتَّى تَعْلَمِي كَيْفَ يَقَعُ الْأَمْرُ، لِأَنَّ الرَّجُلَ لَا يَهْدَأُ حَتَّى يَتِمَّ الْأَمْرُ الْيَوْمَ.

true that I am thy near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I.¹³ Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as the LORD liveth: lie down until the morning.¹⁴ And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor.¹⁵ Also he said, Bring the vail that thou hast upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her: and she went into the city.¹⁶ And when she came to her mother in law, she said, Who art thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her.¹⁷ And she said, These six measures of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy mother in law.¹⁸ Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.